

# Executive Proclamation

## State of South Dakota

### Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, The 50,000-member National Federation of the Blind has long been and still is committed to the development of self-sufficiency, pride and opportunity for blind Americans; and,

WHEREAS, The South Dakota affiliate of the National Federation of the Blind will be observing October 15, 1987, as "White Cane Day"; and,

WHEREAS, One purpose of the special day is to create public awareness regarding the dignity and independence of the blind; and,

WHEREAS, Blind people use a distinctive tool—a long white cane—for independent travel; and,

WHEREAS, There is a need to draw attention to the White Cane Law which states that the blind pedestrian using a white cane has the right-of-way and, further, that it prohibits individuals from discriminating against the blind regarding public accommodations, employment and admittance to college.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 15, 1987, as

#### WHITE CANE DAY

in South Dakota, and urge all Americans to observe this day by reflecting on the accomplishments of the blind and visually handicapped citizens, and by resolving to aid them in their continuing struggle for independence.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Second Day of October, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Seven

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

*Joyce M. Layton*  
JOYCE LAYTON, SECRETARY OF STATE